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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

GWICH'IN STEERING COMMITTEE, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEBRA HAALAND, in her official capacity
as Secretary of the United States Department
of the Interior, *et al.*,

Defendants,

and

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH, *et al.*,

Intervenor-Defendants.

Case No. 3:20-cv-00204-SLG

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**DEFENDANTS' STATUS REPORT ON ISSUANCE
OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

This case is stayed, and in accordance with the Court's order providing that further status reports shall reflect "timeframes of key milestones in the process of conducting a new environmental review and issuing a new record of decision addressing the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program at issue in this litigation," Defendants hereby provide this update on the status of the Draft Supplemental Impact Statement. Order dated Sept. 13, 2021, at 1, ECF No. 86; *see also* Text Order, ECF No. 92.

Defendants advise that the release of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Program, previously anticipated to occur in the second quarter of 2023, is now expected to occur in the third quarter of 2023. Defendants expect to circulate a Preliminary Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Cooperating Agency review in the second quarter of 2023. Defendants will file an additional status report upon the issuance of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, and will otherwise provide notice to counsel as indicated by the parties' prior status reports.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 28, 2023, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic means on all counsel of record by the Court's CM/ECF system.

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